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# DO

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# NOT SO MUCH

# 'DOOMSDAY' VIRUS FIZZLES, INTERNET TRAFFIC FLOWS FINE

## What to do if your machine was infected

Internet service providers are joining the battle by providing their customers with help pages and customer service lines to get you a new DNS address and to root out the malware to fix the problem.

If you had trouble connecting to the Internet on Monday, call your Internet service provider and get some help—but be patient, many other users may be in the same boat.

If your computer is infected, the process may take more than just a call.

The DNS Changer Working Group suggests backing up your computer and having you or a computer professional follow malware cleanup guides that may include reformatting the computer's hard drive and reinstalling the operating system and applications. [MCT](#)

A black computer keyboard and mouse are shown side-by-side. The keyboard is standard layout with a numeric keypad on the right. The mouse is a standard optical or trackball model. They are connected by a thin black cable.

Reuters

Fears that a computer virus might cut Internet access around the world appeared to be overblown Monday after authorities removed a safety net that had protected infected machines for months.

Shortly after midnight, the authorities cut off computer servers in New York City that had been put in place to direct traffic for infected computers, which would have been unable to access the Internet without their help.

Some blogs and news reports had warned that the shutdown of the servers could trigger a potential “blackout” and described the malicious software as the “Internet Doomsday” virus.

But the virus lacked the strength that some

## ONLINE OUTLAWS

The U.S. has charged seven people with orchestrating the worldwide Internet fraud. Six were arrested in Estonia, while the seventh, who was living in Russia, is still at large. Estonia has extradited two of the men to New York, where they appeared in Manhattan federal court. **REUTERS**

had feared.

"I don't expect much noise today," said Mikko Hypponen, chief research officer at F-Secure, a computer security firm based in Finland.

Victims of the virus originally required assistance because the virus had changed settings on their PCs, diverting Internet traffic through rogue servers that showed them advertisements. Police them shut down in November.

Infected machines would have been unable to access the Web unless they were repaired, so authorities put the backup system in place as a stopgap measure.

As of Sunday the number of machines using the clean servers was down to 211,000, with about 42,000 in the U.S., according to the FBI.

That is a tiny fraction of the world's more than 1 billion Internet users, said Luis Cor-

rons Granel, technical director with the research lab of anti-virus software maker Panda Security. "Not a big impact," he said.

The number of users who actually lost Internet service likely was far fewer than the 211,000 who accessed the temporary server Sunday, said Hypponen, of F-Secure.

That is because many Internet service providers, including AT&T Inc and Time Warner Cable, set up their own servers so their customers with infected machines could continue to access the Internet.

“It’s the 9th of July, and the Internet has not exploded into bits and pieces,” remarked one Twitter user.

# Who's got the Blue Line blues?



## GOING PUBLIC

### Tracy Swartz

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Woe is the Blue Line.

While other transit lines are seeing upgrades or fancy new rail cars, the Blue Line—which often is the first impression for some travelers to Chicago—is stuck in the Dark Ages.

Stations along the northern section of the Red Line currently are undergoing renovation, while the southern portion of the Red Line will see an overhaul next year. Meanwhile, the new 5000-series rail cars with the aisle-facing seats now are on the Green and Pink lines.

Comparatively, it's not smooth sailing on the Blue Line, which has seen a 17 percent growth in weekday ridership over the past four years, according to CTA data.

In a sit-down interview six weeks ago, CTA president Forrest Claypool acknowledged that crowding is an issue on the Blue Line. The CTA is examining its ridership levels systemwide.

The growth is quite evident at the California, Damen and Division stops on the North Side. Those stations are seeing about 1,000 more riders each weekday than they were four years ago.

Yet the infrastructure is not there to support the influx. Thirteen of the Blue Line's 33 stations are not accessible for riders with disabilities. Those same stations are difficult to navigate for travelers with luggage heading to

## TALK TO US

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and from O'Hare or Union Station (the Clinton Blue Line stop is blocks from Union Station).

The trains themselves can be tricky to negotiate. The Blue Line is the only transit line that still has cars with the accordion doors, which provide narrow passage even for solo riders. Forget about it for riders carrying the typical Chicago accessories: coats, purses, backpacks, luggage, strollers.

Yet it's the Green and Pink lines that are first seeing the new trains, which raise or lower to meet the platform height—making it easy for riders with disabilities and travelers with baggage to get on. Eventually, the cars will make their way to the Blue Line and all CTA lines.

Meanwhile, about a third of the Blue Line is underground, where some stations are dimly lit and dirty. More than half of the Blue Line's stations have been cleaned by the CTA's Renew Crew, which visit stations on a regular basis for cleanings and repairs, but sometimes it's tough to tell the difference because the subways are so dark.

There is a silver lining for Blue Line riders—only 8 percent of the line was under slow zones last month, compared with 23 percent on the Red Line and 21 percent on the Brown Line. Slow is no woe for this line.

## STATIONARY

A weekly dispatch from a CTA station of note

### This week: Kedzie-Homan Blue Line

It's been about two decades since the Kedzie Blue Line stop in East Garfield Park was renamed the Kedzie-Homan stop—but the name change won't be official until possibly this year. The station was renamed in the '90s to reflect two station entrances that saw similar rider traffic: one on Kedzie Avenue and one on Homan Avenue, the CTA said. Though maps and some station signs say "Kedzie-Homan," some of the larger signs at the station still just say "Kedzie." These signs have been in place for about a decade, and will be replaced, possibly later this year, CTA spokesman Brian Steele said.

Next up: Forest Park Blue Line

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# RAIL TALK

If you ride the CTA Blue Line regularly, you probably have your fair share of grumbles about the transit line. But what is the most outdated thing about it? We asked our Twitter and Facebook followers and rounded up a few of the most common concerns. What would you do to improve the CTA Blue Line? Post on our Facebook wall ([facebook.com/theredeye](http://facebook.com/theredeye)) or tweet @redeyechicago and RedEye reporter @tracyswartz with your suggestions.



## TWITTER RESPONSES

@Julieclarameda: The lack of handicapped accessibility at most stations.

@zakouts84: The double doors that fold into the car. Killer for packed rush hour travel.

@theaccordance: The old rail cars have no climate control, which have made for unpleasant rides as of late.

## FACEBOOK RESPONSES

Connie Myles: The bland white walls that show every bit of yuck and dirt! We have so many talented artists in Chicago! Hey CTA, how about some murals?

Melissa Earp: The trains. I don't understand why the pink line got the new trains before the blue line.

Patrigna Pennant: I wish ALL the stops had a DEBIT/CREDIT CARD option! who carries cash anymore?

Barbara Moreno: The lighting! Feels like I am waiting for my train in a darkened alley.



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# TRANS AMERICA

The tide is rising for transgender people in politics, pop culture and the workplace



'America's Next Top Model' contestant Isis King



Chaz Bono



Miss Universe Canada pageant contestant Jenna Talackova REUTERS

By Leonor Vivanco | REDEYE

The "T" in LGBT is at its tipping point.

In their own fight for equal rights, transgender people are now more than ever confronting issues head-on in politics, pop culture and the workplace.

"The United States is starting to really come around," said Mara Keisling, executive director of the National Center for Transgender Equality, which was founded in 2003. "In Chicago, you have a city government that's pretty good and state government that's pretty good and a president from Illinois who is committed to advancing equal rights for trans people."

Only within the past few years, really, have there been major

successes in raising awareness and changing policies that face the trans community. But now the tide seems to be rising when it comes to equality and attention. For example, only 4 percent of Americans in 2001 lived in jurisdictions that had gender identity non-discrimination laws, Keisling said, and now that number is up to 44 percent. Meanwhile, transgender people have been featured in film and TV shows including "Boys Don't Cry" (1999), "America's Next Top Model" (2008) and "Glee" (2011).

This year also saw the first transgender Miss Universe contestant (3) and American Apparel ads featuring a transgender model. Locally, the Be-All transgender conference was held last month in Downers Grove, and a trans rally is planned for this month in Union Park.

"We are making some great strides. Otherwise there wouldn't be all this attention on us," said Olivia Connors,

chairwoman of the Be-All Conference, which has grown from six to more than 350 attendees in 30 years.

Amanda Simpson, the first openly transgender presidential appointee, was this year's conference keynote speaker, a year after an appearance by Chaz Bono (2), who competed on "Dancing with the Stars" in 2011.

The attention is welcome. "The more awareness there is, the more understanding of who we are, what we're doing, how we live [there is]," said Jacqueline Anne Perry, former president of the Chicago Gender Society, which provides outreach to the transgender and transsexual community.

While there have been successful court battles and policy changes, federal and local leaders are taking a closer look at several issues facing the transgender community. Here's a rundown of the latest developments.

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**Hate crimes:** A federal law passed in 2009 covers hate crimes motivated by gender identity. Illinois lawmakers are considering a similar measure, which would elevate certain crimes to felonies, but it has been stuck in committee since March.

The city announced in March that one goal of its LGBT Community Action Plan is to improve the tracking of hate crimes against transgender people.



**Employment:** Congress has yet to pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would cover gender identity. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ruled in April that bias against transgender employees is a form of sex discrimination.

Chicago and Illinois have had laws on the books for years against discrimination in public accommodations, housing and employment based on gender identity. Even so, discrimination happens.

In September, the state's Human Rights



**ID changes:** When individuals transition from one gender to another, getting new identification documents such as drivers licenses and birth certificates can be a challenge.

In a survey about trans issues that was released last year, only 21 percent of respondents said they updated all their IDs and records after their transition.

Until last year, people born in Illinois were required to have genital reformation surgery before they could change the gender on their birth certificates. But the standards have changed and can include other operations.

Transgender advocates say the state



**Police interaction:** Ald. Proco "Joe" Moreno (1st) proposed an ordinance in March to have the Chicago Police Department report its new policy for the treatment of transgender people. Even though the police department has been working on the issue for a couple of years, Moreno put forth an ordinance to jumpstart the discussion, which he hopes will move forward for approval this summer.

The proposal calls for a policy that would require officers to use pronouns that are consistent with the person's gender identity, prohibit body searches to determine gender and mandate equal treatment in response to complaints and requests for medical attention from detainees.

"It's a human rights issue, but it also protects the city," Moreno said.

June LaTrebe, volunteer coordinator of

Members of the LGBT community are more likely to be victims of hate crime than any other minority group, according to civil rights organization Southern Poverty Law Center. Transgender people—particularly women and those of color—are at a greater risk for hate violence, which ranges from discrimination to physical violence, a 2011 report by the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs said.

Commission ordered a suburban taxi company to pay nearly \$105,000 to a transgender woman who claimed the owner mistreated her.

Finding and keeping a job is challenging for transgender individuals. For example, results of a survey released in 2011 said 78 percent faced some type of workplace discrimination.

Transgender people have twice the national average unemployment rate, the survey said. The Center on Halsted is in the planning stages of organizing a transgender job fair.

shouldn't dictate what type of surgery an individual must have—if any—in order to get a birth certificate changed.

John Knight, LGBT/AIDS project director of the ACLU of Illinois, said he would like some assurance from the state that the term "operation" as used in the policy won't be interpreted as surgery.

The State Department has a less cumbersome process for individuals who want to change the gender on their passports. Applicants need only get a doctor to confirm he or she is in the process or has completed gender transition.

No specific details about treatments are required.

transgender and gender variant programs at the Center on Halsted, would like the ordinance to include training, oversight and reporting of any police interactions with transgender people.

"We've had problems, particularly for young transgender women of color, who have been stopped on the street, who have been harassed, who have been physically assaulted by police officers," she said. "I don't want to paint the entire 10,000 or however many police officers we have with that brush, but it still happens."

**Moreno**

CHRIS SWEDA/TRIBUNE FILE



Kokumo, 23, of Rogers Park is organizing a transgender event for July 29. LENNY GILMORE/REDEYE

## Chicago community ready to be heard

By Leonor Vivanco | REDEYE

A trans-centric event is planned for July 29 at Union Park in West Town.

Organizers for The Trans, Gender non-conforming, Intersex Freedom event (T.G.I.F.) have submitted a permit application, and the permit is expected to be issued this week, according to the Chicago Park District.

With the theme of "Enterprising from the Margins," T.G.I.F. is about more than just pride.

Much like a political rally, it is expected to feature speakers addressing entrepreneurship, advocacy, and the needs and wants of the trans community, said organizer Kokumo, 23, a transgender woman who lives in Rogers Park and goes by her first name.

A wall of remembrance, HIV testing site

and informational booth on how to legally change one's name are all part of the planned event.

"I definitely want people to walk away from T.G.I.F. going, 'I can do this. If I have a mission, if I have a belief, I can bring it to fruition and I can get other people to come and support it and I can grow and I can create a presence,'" said Kokumo, a program design specialist at the Broadway Youth Center, which is a program of the Howard Brown Health Center.

She would like the event to raise awareness of the community.

"That's what T.G.I.F. is all about: giving a voice to those who aren't heard. Not that they don't have a voice, but they just aren't heard," Kokumo said. "This is our time."

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# Something bugging you?

## New house guests are real creeps

By Harry Huggins

REDEYE

Have you seen this centipede? Chicagoans have reported seeing more of these creepers, known as house centipedes (*Scutigera coleoptrata*), scurrying around their homes this summer.

The inch-long centipede with 15 pairs of long, thin legs is known as one of the fastest moving house critters. But as scary as they may be to the unsuspecting homeowner, house centipedes provide a welcome service. According to Phil Nixon, extension entomologist at the University of Illinois, the centipedes eliminate insects living in your home.

"They're like a strange-looking, fast spider," Nixon said. "They are feeding on bugs that might otherwise be a problem to you in the house."

Those bugs are one of the reasons you might see more house centipedes this year. According to Nixon, there is a high migration this year of earwigs and field crickets moving into Chicago-area homes. Although Nixon hasn't experienced an increase in calls about house centipedes, he said that an increase of these other bugs would provide more food in homes for house centipedes.

Another reason Nixon cited is higher



House centipedes pose no real threat to humans and feed on bugs that might otherwise be a problem. TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

humidities in modern homes. Nixon said house centipedes thrive in humid areas, and with newer homes being more airtight with humidifiers running much of the time, they become more hospitable places for creepy crawlies.

"Generally, they are found in houses around plumbing; in the bathroom, in the kitchen, in a damp basement," Nixon said.

The Chicago area's drought also could play a part in any spike in the centipedes' appearance.

Lawn and flower bed watering might attract house centipedes, as the moisture might

concentrate them around the house, and they easily can find a way indoors.

"They'll flatten down and get right under the door crack," Nixon said. "They can fit as small as an eighth of an inch."

Fortunately, they pose no real threat to humans. Except terror.

"There's no real downside to them, except being scared out of your mind, or if you get bent out of shape about seeing a bug," Nixon said. The bugs can bite if you're fast enough to catch one, but they won't do real damage, he said.

### Get away!!!

If you are looking to prevent house centipedes from entering your home, Nixon recommends doing your best to drop the humidity of your home. Fixing leaks in a roof or drainpipe, running a dehumidifier, caulking cracks and making sure there is no dead organic matter around your foundation are all ways to accomplish this. In more extreme cases, an aerosol cockroach spray can help in specific areas.



#### QUOTABLE

I appreciate their impatience. Their constituents are my constituents."

—Mayor Emanuel on Monday, acknowledging complaints from some aldermen about shootings increasing in their wards



Rahm Emanuel  
JOSE M. OSORIO/Tribune

#### EXPRESS LINES

- A weekend brawl in Lakeview that sent a man to the hospital with a fractured jaw broke out as a group in a white stretch limo was shooting a music video called "Take a Sip." That's about the only thing prosecutors and relatives of those arrested agree on.
- A woman fell from the platform of a Red Line station in Rogers Park late Sunday and came into contact with the third rail, but officials say she was conscious as she was rushed to a hospital.
- No homicides were reported in Chicago last weekend, save for a fatal police-involved shooting, according to Cook County Medical Examiner's Office reports. TRIBUNE, REDEYE



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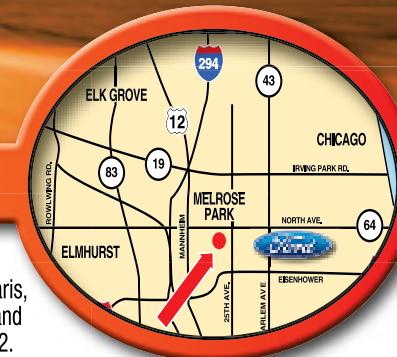
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### Study: Pets good for babies

A new study finds that children who lived with dogs or cats during their first year of life got sick less frequently than kids from pet-free zones. The study was published in Monday's edition of the journal *Pediatrics*. **GETTY IMAGES**

### 1 U.N. envoy headed to Damascus

U.N. peace envoy Kofi Annan said he and President Bashar al-Assad agreed Monday on an approach to Syria's conflict that he would now take to the opposition, and he flew on to Iran for talks with the main regional ally of Damascus.

### Heat lifts, but no rain

**2** Sizzling temperatures abated in the Midwest Corn Belt over the weekend, but rains this week were expected to miss the areas that need it most, an agricultural forecaster said Monday.

### 3 Perry won't expand Medicaid

Texas Gov. Rick Perry said Monday his state will not implement an expansion of the Medicaid program for the poor or create a health insurance exchange, leaving the state with the highest percentage of people without health insurance outside President Obama's signature law.

### Obama: No more tax breaks for wealthy

**4** President Obama would not sign any congressional legislation that extends Bush-era tax cuts to wealthier Americans, the White House said Monday.

### 5 Police to raise capsized yacht

Police said they would raise a yacht from the waters off Long Island on Tuesday to figure out why it capsized during a July Fourth fireworks viewing cruise, killing three children.

### \$125 million

Flash floods that killed 170 people in Russia caused damage estimated at \$125 million.

# Batman's flight

**6** **LONDON** Holy crash landing, Batman! The crime-fighting caped crusader could fly but if he did, he would smash into the ground and probably die, a group of British physics students have calculated.

Dashing the dreams of comic fans across the world, four students from the University of Leicester said that while Batman could glide using his cape as he does in the 2005 film "Batman Begins," his landing would almost certainly prove fatal.

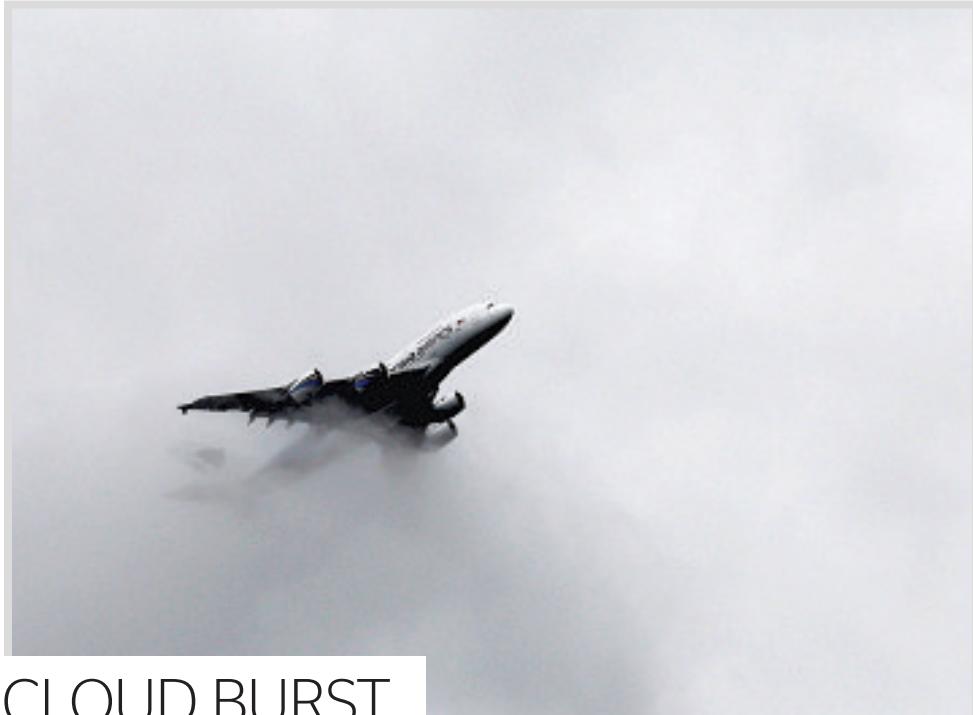
The superhero is back in cinemas later this month in "The Dark Knight Rises" and they suggested Batman should go shopping before trying a similar attempt to become airborne over Gotham City.

"If Batman wanted to survive the flight, he would definitely need a bigger cape," said David Marshall, 22, one of the students in the final year of their four-year Master of Physics degrees.

"Or if he preferred to keep his style intact he could opt for using active propulsion, such as jets to keep himself aloft."

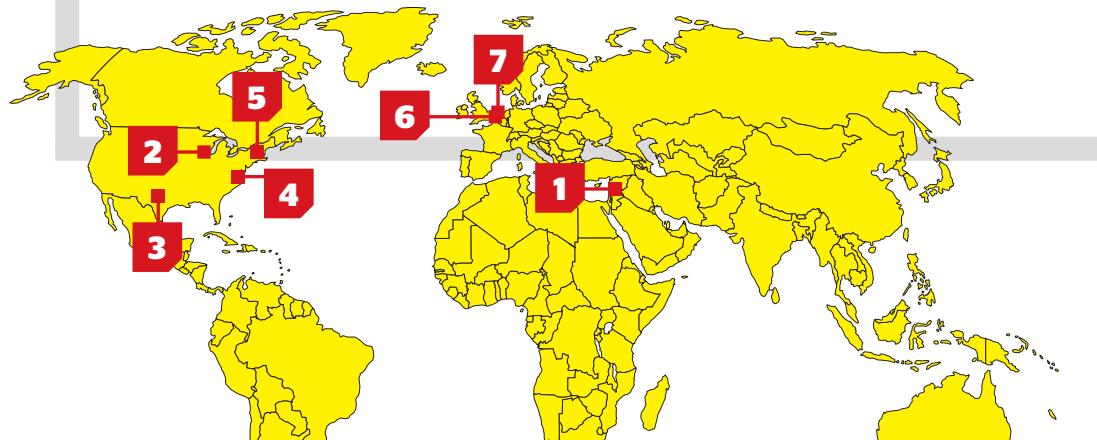
In a paper titled "Trajectory of a falling Batman," the group argued that if he jumped from a 492-foot high building, the 15-foot wingspan of Batman's cape would allow him to glide 1,148 feet.

However, he would reach a speed of 68 mph before hitting the ground at a life-threatening speed of 50 mph.



### CLOUD BURST

**7** An Airbus A380 performs Monday at an air show in Farnborough, England. **REUTERS**



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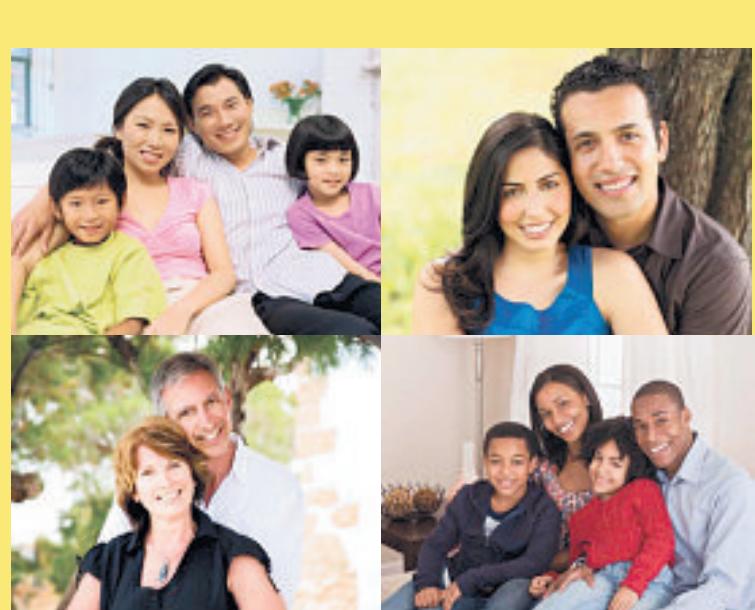
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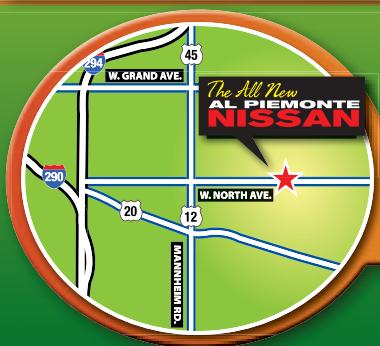
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Despite inexplicable mental lapses, Starlin Castro has been solid. He already has 100 hits (and a .291 average), is second on the team in RBIs (43) and has a penchant for jaw-dropping plays in the field.



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**FIRST-HALF DUD**

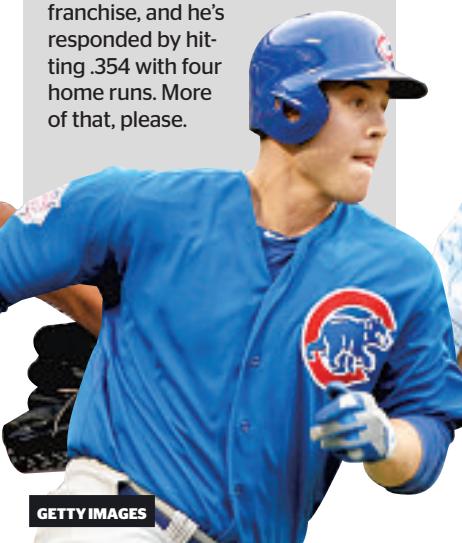
Carlos Marmol is the closer. Then he's not. Then he's the closer again. It's baffling that someone with nearly unhittable stuff has almost as many walks (25) as strikeouts (33) in 25 1/3 innings pitched.



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**BEST MOVE**

It's been only 12 games, but calling up Anthony Rizzo injected much-needed buzz into the franchise, and he's responded by hitting .354 with four home runs. More of that, please.



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**BIGGEST SURPRISE**

Somehow, Ryan Dempster hasn't been traded yet. He had a minor setback when he went on the DL recently, but he's pitched lights-out (1.99 ERA, 70 strikeouts). An early bon voyage to you, Ryan.



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**LOW POINT**

Even for a team with a 103-year World Series title drought, a 12-game losing streak is brutal. The good news is the Cubs have climbed out of the cellar in the NL Central —barely.

**CUBS****FIRST-HALF STUD**

Chris Sale (10-2, 2.19 ERA, 98 K's) has been nothing short of spectacular. All we have say to team management is: 'Ahem, aren't you glad you didn't send him back to the bullpen?'



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**FIRST-HALF DUD**

Even with his perfect game and subsequent appearance on David Letterman's show, Philip Humber (3-4, 6.01 ERA) has been dreadful. He went on the disabled list recently, and he can take his time coming back.



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**BEST MOVE**

The trade for Kevin Youkilis makes GM Kenny Williams look like a genius. In 13 games with the Sox, Youk is hitting .347 with three homers and 14 RBIs. Knock on wood that he stays healthy ...

**BIGGEST SURPRISE**

Jose Quintana has been a revelation, helping to stabilize a starting rotation in flux. With injuries and some of his teammates struggling (cough, Gavin Floyd, cough), he could be key to the Sox making the playoffs.

**LOW POINT**

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Phoenix Suns guard Shannon Brown is looking for teammates. No, really. Tryouts for the Maywood native's Streetball team will be at noon Saturday at Malcolm X College, and those selected to play on the team will play in a live game later that evening. It's all part of "Ball Up Streetball Season 2," a 12-episode reality competition series on Fox Sports Network. If you just want tickets, visit [ballupchicago.eventbrite.com](http://ballupchicago.eventbrite.com). And if you make the team and get dunked on, no worries—it happens to everyone in that league!



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### Dion Lewis

Eagles running back Dion Lewis was arrested and charged with falsely

reporting a fire when he was locked out of a hotel in Albany, N.Y. Lewis and his brother, Lamar, were locked out of a Hampton Inn around 4 a.m., according to the Albany Times-Union. When they were unable to get into the hotel through the lobby by banging on the glass doors at the entrance, they pulled a fire alarm. Dion Lewis was arraigned and released.



**Jabari Parker**  
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## Bring your sunscreen, Jabari

Jabari Parker is going Hollywood. The Simeon High School hoops star is a candidate for the 2011-12 Gatorade Male High School Athlete of the Year award, which will be announced Tuesday at a dinner emceed by ESPN's Stuart Scott in L.A. If he has time, maybe Parker can check on the night-club-hopping Derrick Rose, also a Simeon grad, and his injured knee.

## HOT MONTH

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Soldier Field is following the footsteps of the Winter Classic. Organizers announced Monday that the venue will host the sport for the first time when four college teams—Notre Dame, Miami (Ohio), Wisconsin and Minnesota—arrive for the Hockey City Classic in February. We won't ask what this might do to the Soldier Field turf. Just keep Matt Forte and his bum knee off the ice, OK?



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## tech

# New app lets you snag an easy ride

### Reuters

Drivers with an empty seat in their car can find people in need of a ride through a new app that connects them with potential passengers nearby.

SideCar, an on demand ride-sharing app, lets users request a ride by indicating where they would like to be picked up and dropped off.

The app matches them with nearby drivers — prescreened by the company — who are willing to give rides.

"We're trying to set up a situation where people share the burden of transportation with each other," said Blake Wirht, director of marketing for San Francisco-based SideCar.

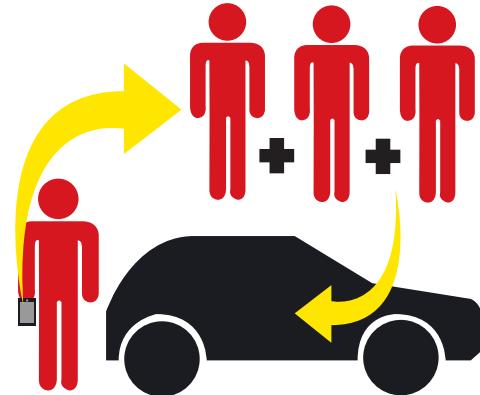
When someone requests a ride, nearby drivers can decide if they want to respond. The passenger can compensate the driver via the app at a suggested fare that often undercuts the cost of a taxi.

"Longer trips tend to be significantly less than taxis and shorter trips are more on par, but generally it's a better deal," Wirht said.

Compensating the driver is completely voluntary, according to Wirht, who said the policy conforms to state ride-sharing regulations.

"We have instituted a community average which shows people what others in the community have been paying for similar rides," he said.

He added that donating less than the recommended fare could cause a passenger to get a low rating on the app, and deter drivers from accepting the passenger's ride requests in the future.



Wirht said drivers span a range of ages and professions, from part-time waitresses to managers at technology companies and even retirees.

"It's fascinating the people you meet, and a lot of people are drawn to it for that reason. But there are a lot of people that drive for SideCar to offset their costs of vehicle ownership," he said.

Some critics have questioned whether accepting a ride with a stranger is wise, but Wirht said the company has made safety its core focus.

"In order to be approved as a driver you have to go through a vetting process, a background check, proof of your valid insurance, proof of driver's license and proof of registration," he said, adding that rides also are tracked via GPS. All passengers need to register with a valid credit card.

"We know who everyone is," he said. "It's the visibility that creates a very safe environment."

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Zombies from  
'The Walking Dead.'  
AMC

## \$70 to be chased by zombies?

### Los Angeles Times

Will you lurch or perch? Do you see yourself more as a moaning dead diner—or as the living lunch they pursue?

These are the type of choices presented by Walking Dead Escape: San Diego, which is inviting up to 15,000 people to sign up for a taste of the terror and bedlam that will reign when the actual zombie apocalypse begins. The event, open to anyone 16 or older, will be staged July 14-16 inside Petco Park as a tie-in to Comic-Con International.

"We wanted fans to experience—as closely as possible—the end of the world," said "Walking Dead" creator Robert Kirkman, who will join the mad scramble of biters and runners. "It's going to be a fun, messy time."

The course, designed by Ruckus Athletics and creatively guided by Kirkman, is characterized by intricate, interactive details true to the bestselling comic series, which will be celebrating the release of its 100th issue. It's a go-at-your-own-pace event, Kirkman said; no one will be timed.

"You can run, jog, walk," he said. "I'm prob-

ably going to crawl."

Fans can register as a survivor or a Walker—there's also the one-time neutral option of taking it all in as a spectator, which doesn't seem to happen very often in the comic book or on the tie-in television hit, AMC's "The Walking Dead."

Survivors, dodging hordes of zombies, will be evaluated at the finish line, or "decontamination zone," to see if they've been infected. Fifteen makeup artists will be on site to make the Walkers as grotesque as possible. Spectators can snap photos from the sidelines. Participants will be sent in waves through the ballpark.

The event isn't cheap: Tickets start at \$70. At the end, all participants receive a special variant copy of the 100th issue, which is a rare threshold in the world of independent comics. Kirkman, who spends about a week writing each script, said he's just getting started and there's plenty of life left in his corpse epic.

"There's so much more to come," he said. "I'm hoping for 1,000 more books. There's so much potential in the 'Walking Dead' story."

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## Sensitive skin summer cure

**Tribune Newspapers****Name:** Zo Skin Health Oclipse Sunscreen + Primer Broad-Spectrum SPF 30

**What it is:** A tinted sunscreen and makeup primer with some anti-aging properties. Oclipse contains natural melanin, zinc oxide (10.2 percent) and titanium dioxide (3.7 percent) to provide broad-spectrum UVA and UVB protection. Created by dermatologist Zein Obagi, this sunscreen also includes a proprietary lipopeptide to stimulate production of collagen and elastin, vitamin E to repair damaged skin cells, and humectants and emollients to moisturize. The 1-ounce sunscreen comes in a pump for measured delivery and easy application.

**The good:** Many sunscreens burn my face; Oclipse doesn't. It feels like a moisturizer when you apply it rather than a pasty white zinc oxide. The light tint creates a nice base for foundation when I use it with makeup. When I use it with no foundation, the tint simply blends into my skin, making this an equally good sunscreen for men, especially if they have sensitive skin.

**The bad:** Though I love the pump dispenser, I wish you could unscrew the pump to get the last drop of sunscreen.

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# whoville

If you're a Will Smith character—the badder the better

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

Will Smith, meet ... Gen. Cypher Raige? Maybe we shouldn't be too surprised by this news, since it comes from a man whose actual name is M. Night Shyamalan. Will's playing the lead in his new flick, "After Earth," which is due out next summer, and we couldn't have picked a better name out of a hat if we'd tried. But how does it stack up compared to his past roles? We graphed a few based on awesomeness to find out.

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Bagger Vance

Will Smith  
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## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

**1990**

**Will Smith**  
"Fresh Prince  
of Bel-Air"



**1993**

**Tea Cake  
Walters**  
"Made in America"

Heck yeah! You go, Tea Cake ... although he probably caught a lot of crap on the playground.

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**1996**

**Capt. Steven  
Hiller**  
"Independence Day"



**1997**

**Jay**  
"Men in Black"



**1999**

**Capt. James  
West**  
"Wild Wild West"



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Remember the part where he punches an alien in the face? "Welcome to Earth!" Dude was a badass; he didn't really need a big name to go with it.

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Now if it had just been the letter J? Definitely a five.

**2000**

**Bagger Vance**  
"The Legend of Bagger  
Vance"

Crummy movie, great name—of course, we're really not much for golf flicks. This one was actually chock-full of great characters, from Matt Damon's Rannulph Junuh to Charlize Theron's Adele Invergordon.

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**2004**

**Del Spooner**  
"I, Robot"

It's a little on the wonky side, but when you're in a dystopian situation, you've probably got bigger concerns.

**2013**

**Gen. Cypher  
Raige**  
"After Earth"

Also apparently dystopian, and ALSO co-starring his son, Jaden. Man, they really just want this kid's big break to happen, don't they? Jaden's character's name is Kitai, which we imagine is pronounced KITTEH.

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# red hot



Wayne Brady  
REUTERS

Demi Lovato  
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Philip Seymour Hoffman  
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## You got served

Remember when Wayne Brady got all badass on "Chappelle's Show"? Turns out it may not have been such an act. The "Let's Make a Deal" host went HAM on Bill Maher after the HBO personality made fun of Brady's black identity, [thr.com](#) reports, saying on an Aisha Tyler podcast that he'd "gladly slap the [bleep] out of Bill Maher in front of Coco and Ebony and Fox, the three ladies of the night he has hired."

## Teen queen

Recently minted "X Factor" judge Demi Lovato will handle hosting duties for the July 22 Teen Choice Awards on Fox, [billboard.com](#) reports. The usual big names in the teen world—Justin Bieber, Zac Efron, Miley Cyrus and Selena Gomez, among others—are scheduled to attend.

## Man on fire

It's official—Philip Seymour Hoffman will be in "The Hunger Games" movie sequel "Catching Fire." He'll play Plutarch Heavensbee, the new Head Gamemaker who designs the brutal arena in which tributes fight to the death. Translation: He's kind of a big deal.



Michael Fassbender  
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# KILLER ROLE

Michael Fassbender just keeps getting badder. The "Prometheus" star has signed on to play a hero assassin in a movie based on the hit video game franchise "Assassin's Creed," [variety.com](#) reports. It's unclear which of the game's hooded assassins (current and historical) he would play.

## THE DIGIT

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That's how many days it took Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes to settle their divorce after

Holmes filed papers June 28 in New York, [latimes.com](#) reports.

"We are committed to working together as parents to accomplishing what is in our daughter Suri's best interests," the pair said in a statement.

## A starlet is born

The Kardashian clan has added another potential reality TV star. Kourtney Kardashian and Scott Disick welcomed a girl, Penelope Scotland Disick, early Sunday, [eonline.com](#) reports. She is the couple's second child.



## Mouth watch

What's wrong with [this picture](#)? Well, check out this photo of Kate Middleton, and it becomes pretty clear. The New Republic isn't making any friends across the Atlantic after doctoring the beloved duchess's teeth on the cover of its July 12 edition. At least her fascinator hat looks smashing.



Kate Middleton  
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